

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action mailed November 4, 2004 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-11 and 15-17 are canceled. Claim 18 has been amended. Claims 12-14 and 18-20 are pending in this application, with claims 12 and 18 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

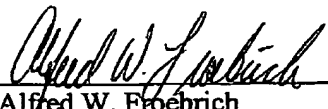
In the Office Action mailed on November 4, 2004, claims 12-14 are allowed and claims 18-20 were found to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the allowable subject matter, claims 1-11 and 15-17 are canceled. Claim 18 is rewritten in independent form. Claims 19-20 depend from independent claim 18. Since each of the independent claims 12 and 18 contain allowable subject matter, the application should now be in condition for allowance and notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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